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ZONE

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REGARDING TOTAL AREA FOR PROPOSED ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE,
50 NAUTICAL MILE ZONE WOULD COVER THE LEAST AREA AND
1,000 FATHOM (1,830 METER) ZONE WOULD ENCOMPASS THE
LARGEST AREA. MOST PRONOUNCED CONTRASTS IN AREA COVER-
AGE BETWEEN 50 NAUTICAL MILE ZONE AND 1,000 FATHOM ZONE
OCCUR OFF THE MAJOR ICE SHELVES (E.G., SEAWARD OF ROSS
ICE SHELF IN VICINITY OF ISELIN SEAMOUNT DIFFERENCE EX-
CEEDS 380 NAUTICAL MILES). NEW ZEALAND, BRITISH AND
CHILEAN AND ARGENTINE SECTORS MOST AFFECTED BY CONTRASTS
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BETWEEN 50 NAUTICAL MILE ZONE AND 1,000 FATHOM ZONE.
1,000 METER (547 FATHOM) AND 1,000 FATHOM CONTOUR LINES
ARE CLOSEST TO LAND IN VICINITY OF NORWEGIAN AND AUS-
TRALIAN SECTORS. EDGE OF 50 NAUTICAL MILE ZONE EXCEEDS
1,000 FATHOM LINE ALONG MOST OF NORWEGIAN SECTOR. 1,000
METER AND 1,000 FATHOM CONTOURS GENERALLY RUN PARALLEL
AND SEPARATED BY LESS THAN 30 NAUTICAL MILES. PROPOSED

RESERVE WOULD ENCOMPASS CONSIDERABLE AREAS OF HEAVY KRILL
CONCENTRATION ALONG COAST QUEEN MAUD LAND (NORWEGIAN)
AND WILKES LAND (AUSTRALIAN). SMALLER AREAS OF HEAVY
KRILL CONCENTRATION COVERED OFF TIP OF VICTORIA LAND
(NEW ZEALAND) AND PALMER PENINSULA (OVERLAP CHILEAN,
ARGENTINE, AND BRITISH CLAIMS). NO MAJOR IMPACT ON
MANGANESE NODULES WHICH GENERALLY OCCUR SEAWARD OF PRO-
POSED RESERVE. VANCE

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